

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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WILLIE L. VALES, JR., et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOSHUA KAUL, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Case No. 25-cv-223-wmc

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Plaintiff Willie L. Vales, Jr. has filed a proposed civil complaint, but has neither paid the filing fee, nor requested leave to proceed without prepayment. For this case to proceed, plaintiff must pay the \$405 filing fee<sup>1</sup> or submit a properly supported motion for leave to proceed without prepayment by April 15, 2025.

A motion for leave to proceed without prepayment must be accompanied by a certified copy of plaintiff's inmate trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). If I find that plaintiff is indigent, I will calculate an initial partial payment of the filing fee that plaintiff must pay before the court can screen the complaint on the merits under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2). Thereafter, plaintiff must pay the balance of the filing fee in installments.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Willie L. Vales, Jr. may have until April 15, 2025 to submit the \$405 filing fee or a motion for leave to proceed without prepayment and a trust fund account statement for the period beginning approximately September 24, 2024 and

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<sup>1</sup> Effective December 1, 2023, the cost to file a civil action in federal court is \$405 — a \$350 statutory fee plus a \$55 administrative fee that does not apply to persons granted *in forma pauperis* status under 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

ending approximately March 24, 2025. If plaintiff fails to respond to this order by April 15, 2025, then I will assume that plaintiff wishes to withdraw this action voluntarily. In that event, the case will be dismissed without prejudice to plaintiff refiling at a later date.

Entered this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

/s/  
ANDREW R. WISEMAN  
United States Magistrate Judge

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**PRISONER REQUEST TO PROCEED IN DISTRICT COURT  
WITHOUT PREPAYING THE FULL FILING FEE**

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Answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

**Note:** If you do not tell the truth, the court may dismiss your lawsuit.

**I. Personal Information**

1) Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

(a) State the place of your incarceration and provide your prisoner identification number:

\_\_\_\_\_ (place) \_\_\_\_\_ (number)

(b) Are you employed at the institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(c) Do you receive any payment from the institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Attach a printout of your prison trust account statement showing transactions for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of this request and showing the current balance of your account.**

2) Do you have any dependents that you are responsible for supporting?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," list them below.

<u>Name or initials (for minor children only)</u>	<u>Relationship to You</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount of Support Provided per Month</u>
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

**II. Property or Assets:** - If you are married, your answers must *include your spouse's property*.

1 ) Do you own a car?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "yes," list the car(s) below:

<u>Make and Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Approximate Current Value</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

2) Do you own your home(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," state the approximate value(s). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What is the amount of equity (assessed value of residence minus outstanding mortgage balance) in the home(s)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3) Do you have any cash or checking, savings, or other similar accounts?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," state the total of such sums. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4) Do you own any other property of value, such as real estate, stocks, bonds, trusts, or individual retirement accounts (e.g., IRA, 401 k), artwork, or jewelry?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," describe the property and the approximate value(s).

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**III. Litigation History**

For each federal lawsuit that you recall having filed, list as much of the following information that you remember about each case: The name of the case (that is, the plaintiffs and the defendants), the case number or year of filing, and the federal district in which you filed the case. Use more paper if needed.

<b>Case Name (Plaintiffs and defendants)</b>	<b>Case number (or year of filing)</b>	<b>Federal district</b>
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**IV. Other Circumstances** - Describe any other financial circumstance(s) that you would like the court to consider when reviewing this petition.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am the plaintiff bringing this complaint. I declare that I am unable to prepay the full filing fee and that I am entitled to the relief sought in the complaint.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Signature - Signed Under Penalty of Perjury**